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1. SUMMARY. DEP UNDERSEC FONMIN REITERATOD GOS OPPOSITION
TOWARD TERRORISM AND NOTED U. S. DENIALS OF COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI
RAID. DERIDED UNSC PROCEDURES. PRESS AND RADIO COVERAGE BEGINNING
TO CARRY U. S. DENIALS. END SUMMARY.

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WM US COMPLICITY. USING PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED APPOINTMENT, I CALLED ON UNDERSEC FONMIN FADL OBEID THIS MORNING AND REVIEWED USG DENIALS ANY COMPLICITY ISRAELI RAID IN LEBANON. I ALSO NOTED OUR STRONG OBJECTION THIS PROPAGANDA IS UNIQUE IN NOT ONLY

BEING DISSEMINATED BY CLANDESTINE STATIONS BUT BY OFFICIAL MEDIA

IN VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES, NOTING SUDAN WAS NOT A PARTICULAR

OFFENDER I NEVERTHELESS GAVE HIM EXCERPTS APR 13 AL AYAM ARTICLE AS WELL AS APR 10 RADIO OMDURMAN EXCERPT (REFTEL C)

AND EXPRESSED HOPE THIS TYPE OF COVERAGE WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. I ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER ROS AD RECEIVED REPORT FROM GOS CHARGE ON MEETING ARAB CM' S WITH SECRETARY. OBEID AFFIRMED REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED, BUT SAID IT WAS " VERY BRIEF". I ACCORDINGLY REPEATED FOR HIS BENEFIT SUBSTANCE OF SECRETARY' S PRESENTATION (REFTEL D) AND PROVIDED HIM WITH COPIES DEPT.' S PRESS SUMMARY (REFTEL B) IN HOPE IT WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR RADIO AND PRESS COVERAGE. I DID NOT MENTION (SERIOUS EFFECT ON RELATIONS" (REFTEL A) SINCE BRIEF REFERENCES USG DENIAL WERE BEING CARRIED IN PRESS THIS MORNING PRIOR MY CALL.

3. OBEID REITERATED GOS OPPOSITION TOWARD TERRORISM AND FUTILITY TERRORIST ACTS. HE READ EXCERPTS WITH INTEREST COMMENTING THAT IN BOTH CASES MEDIA WERE QUOTING FOREIGN SOURCES (AL AYAM

ARTICLE WAS DATELINED AP BEIRUT) AND THAT RADIO OMDURMAN BROADCAST APPARENTLY OCCURRED PRIOR USG OFFICIAL DENIAL. HE MADE NO ASSURANCES ABOUT FUTURE COVERAGE, BUT RETAINED PRESS SUMMARY OUR DENIAL.

4. PALESTINIAN CAUSE. OBEID THEN REITERATED GOS SUPPORT FOR

PALESTINIAN CAUSE STRESSING TERRORIST ACTS HAVE THEIR BASIC ORIGIN IN FRUSTRATIONS PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED FOR TWENTY- FIVE YEARS. HE EXPANDED POINT BY DETAILED REVIEW HISTORICAL INJUSTICES TO PALESTINIANS. I DID NOT DEBATE THE REVIEW STATING INSTEAD U. S. SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS AS A WHOLE AND OUR CONVICTION TERRORISM AND CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WERE IN NO ONE' S INTEREST INCLUDING PALESTINIANS. I NOTED WHAT I THOUGHT WAS PARTICULARLY INCISIVE COMMENT CARRIED IN RECENT U. S. PRESS EDITORIAL THAT EACH PARTICIPANT IN MIDDLE
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EAST TRAGEDY SEEMS DETERMINEDDO HIS UTMOST TO ASSIST HIS

ADVERSARY.

5. UNSC. I INQUIRED ABOUT GOS ATTITUDE TOWARD CURRENT UNSC PROCEEDINGS (SOME REPORTS HAD INDICATED GOS OPPOSED TO LEEANESE DECISION). OBEID DERIDED POSSIBILITY ANY CONSTRUCTIVE UNSC ACTION ADDING THAT UN RESOLUTIONS HAD NO EFFECT ON REALITIES AND WERE " MEANINGLESS". EVEN IF RESOLUTION CONDEMNED BOTH SIDES, NET EFFECT WAS " ZERO". I OBJECTED NOTING THAT " ZERO" WOULD BE A " PLUS" BASED ON THE RECORD OF PREVIOUS UNSC CONSIDERATION OF THESE ACTS. HE WAS UNIMPRESSED. (GOS PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT GOS REP USUN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED COOPERATE WITH LEBANESE AMB UN AND TO CONSIDER " AGRESSION IS DIRECTED AGAINST ALL ARAB NATIONS AND IN CLEAR VIOLATION ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONS AND UN CHARTER")

6. COMMENT: FONOFF UNDERSEC FADL OBEID IS " HIGH" OFFICIAL, BUT IN VIEW HIS GENERAL UNRELIABILITY, I HAVE ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID WHICH MAY BE SET FOR MONDAY. AT THAT TIME I INTEND RESTATE OUR POSITION IN CONTEXT DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND-- INCLUDING OUR OWN MONITORING OF PRESS AND RADIO OMDURMAN OUTPUT.
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